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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a small business owner I rely on readily available, competitively priced internet access to reach my customers and allow them to easily reach me. Cost is a critical concern for my low-margin business, and I know I can rely on my local ISP to provide a consistently good and well-priced product that keeps me in business day in and day out. I have used large corporate ISPs in the past and was constantly throttled by their services and uncertain when their service plans would change.

Competition is, or should be, the backbone of U.S. commerce. It allows for innovation by companies and choice by consumers. Limiting competition by blocking or limiting unbundled network elements is an attack on competition and on free-flowing dissemination of information. The U.S. should be the world's leader in providing universal, easily procured, and reasonably priced high speed internet access. It's not, and it will slip further behind it's global competitors the more large corporations are favored over wide-spread competition.

Do not block UNEs. Do not restrict competition. Do not be responsible for price hikes and reduced access to the internet.

Thank you.

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